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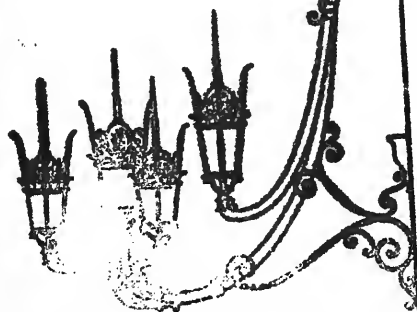
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# John Hancock Observatory

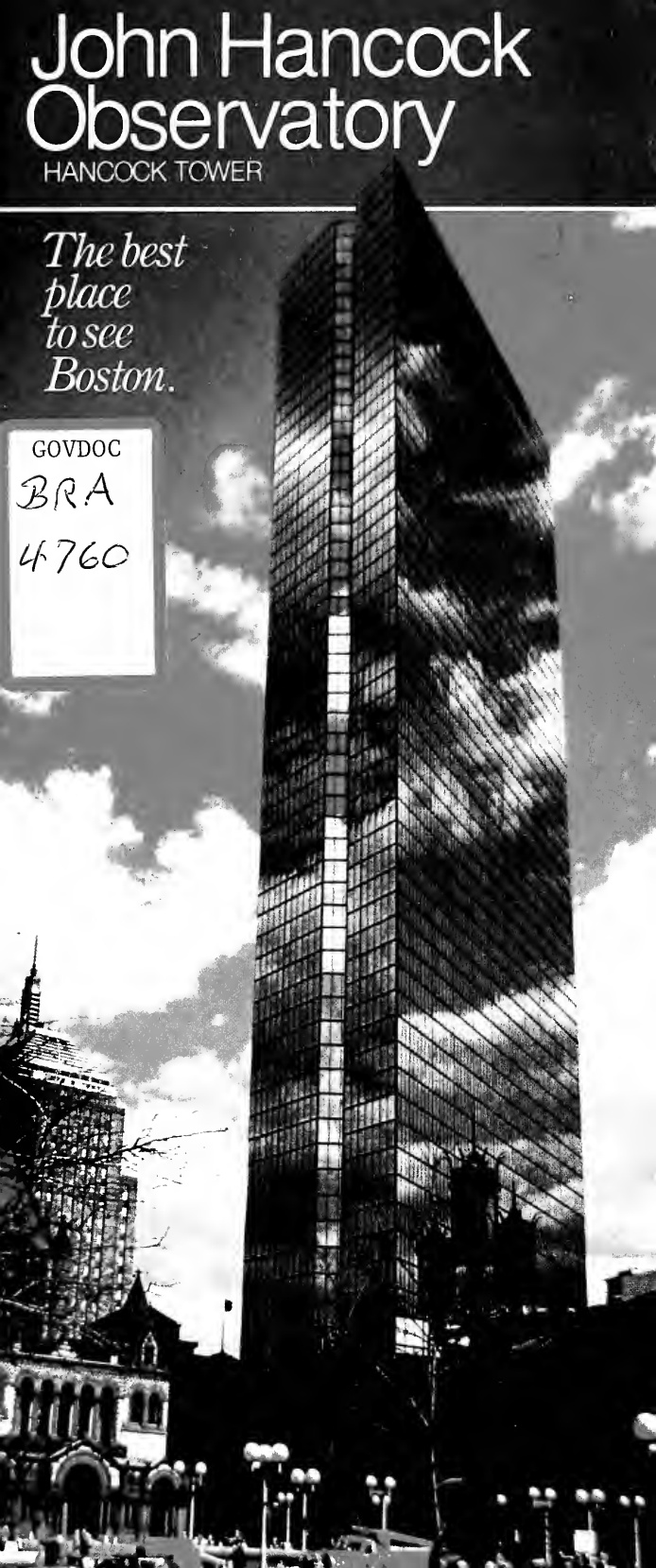
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One of the best ways to see Boston is from the John Hancock Observatory, an exciting 740 feet off the ground atop New England's tallest building.

A trip to the Observatory is an adventure for all the family, starting the moment you enter the lobby of this mirrored skyscraper and speed by express elevator to the 60th floor.

Here, you'll enjoy a spectacular panorama stretching from the gold-domed State House and gracious townhouses of Beacon Hill to the distant White Mountains of southern New Hampshire, from bustling Boston Harbor and Logan International Airport to the serenity of the Blue Hills and beyond.

From this vantage point, you can watch boats sailing on the Charles River, observe festive holiday parades, and glimpse the Boston Pops concerts on the Esplanade. It's worth a second trip just to see it all after dark!

Five colorful Observatory exhibits present the historic richness of Boston and strengthen your knowledge of the city.





**BOSTON 1775** is the Observatory's "time machine," a thrilling light and sound show that takes you back to the early days of America when Colonial patriots planned a Revolution. A miniature town of three thousand homes and shops, churches and public buildings, streets and pathways comes alive before your eyes, as you witness the drama of the Boston Tea Party, Paul Revere's Ride, and the battles of Charlestown and Bunker Hill, all heightened by sounds and music of the period.

### **UNCOMMONLY BOSTON**

is a fast moving, capsule impression of an Uncommon City. This film captures the many faces and tempos that make Boston one of the "great cities of the world."

**SKYLINE BOSTON** provides a sitdown look at the city from a grandstand viewing area, while the late architectural historian Walter Muir Whitehill describes significant changes that have occurred since Boston's early days as Shawmut Peninsula.

**PHOTORAMA** rounds out your Observatory experience with a magnificent display of 110 illuminated photographs of historic and local landmarks, each accompanied by fact-filled information.

Besides the four exhibits, "Funscopes" clustered at both ends of the Observatory zero in on famous landmarks. High-powered telescopes provide visitors with a closer look at points of personal interest.

In addition, a lively array of artifacts from local museums and private collections is on display.

Souvenirs of Boston and of your visit to the Observatory are available in the 60th floor Gift Shop.

**AVIATION RADIO** allows visitors to tune in on the cross-talk between planes at Logan International Tower while viewing the action at the airport.



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**Location:**

John Hancock Tower is conveniently located at Copley Square in Boston's historic Back Bay. The Observatory ticket office, corner of Trinity Place and St. James Ave., also serves as a Visitor Information Center. Visitors arriving by MBTA, exit at Copley Station. Motorists using the Mass. Turnpike Extension, exit at Copley Square. Parking available at the John Hancock Garage on Clarendon Street. Chartered buses may discharge at Trinity Place, Copley Square.

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**Hours:**

Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 11 pm.  
Sunday, 10 am to 11 pm (May – Oct)  
or noon to 11 pm (Nov – Apr).  
Last ticket sold at 10:15 pm.  
Open daily except Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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**Admission:**

Adults, \$2.75	Group Rates for 10 or more:
Children (5-15 yrs.), \$2.00	Adults, \$2.25
Senior Citizens, \$2.00	Children, \$1.50

Admission and hours subject to change.  
For group reservations, call (617) 247-1976.  
For recorded information on hours and rates,  
call (617) 247-1977.


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**Summit Room Rental:**

The Summit Room at the Observatory is available for meetings and receptions. For information, write Manager's Office, John Hancock Observatory, 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA 02116 or call (617) 421-2637.



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